12. West Bengal	:	Burdwan, Dakshin Dinajpur, Midnapore, North 24-Parganas, South 24-Parganas, Uttar Dinajpur, Murshidabad, Calcutta. **(8)**
13. Punjab	:	Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Amritsar **(3)**

Social Security Scheme

537. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to bring a comprehensive Bill in order to provide Social Security Scheme Cover to agricultural and unorganised workers;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken care of the specific recommendations of the Second Labour Commission before drafting the Bill in this connection; and

(c) whether the Social Security Scheme Cover also include Employment Guarantee Scheme and Unemployment Allowance in the proposed Bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details of the Draft Bill are still at the stage of finalization.

Amendment in Payment of Bonus Act

538. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Payment of Bonus Act in order to waive limit of wages and quantum of bonus so that all the workers could get a share of profit in industries;

(b) if so, by when such a legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In case the existing eligibility limit and calculation ceiling are omitted, there would be no limit for payment of bonus and all employees will become eligible for payment of bonus. It would increase the financial burden of the establishments, Central/State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings (both Central and States), autonomous organizations besides private sector. The Central Government is, therefore, not in favour of totally removing/omitting the existing eligibility limit and calculation ceiling.

Self-employment opportunities

539. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes of Government to give self-employment opportunities to the unemployed youths;

(b) how many unemployed youths have been provided with self-employment opportunities during the last three years;

(c) whether these opportunities are proportionate to the birth-rate in the country; and

(d) if not, the results to be yielding in the long run?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) To provide self employment opportunities to the educated unemployed youth, Government implements "Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana" (PMRY), under which the educated unemployed youth are provided loans by the Commercial Banks for setting up micro enterprises. Number of cases for which loan was disbursed, under this scheme, in last three years is as under:

2000-2001	—	1.85 lakh
2001-2002	—	1.76 lakh
2002-2003	—	1.36 lakh